

CITY OF FITCHBURG RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Board Members:

301 Broad Street, 2nd Floor Fitchburg, MA 01420 PHONE: 978-829-1818 FAX: 978-345-9687 Jon Ricciutti – Chairman
James McGrath – Vice Chair
Andy Roy
Mary Whitney
Dave Madigan

Board of Park Commissioners Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 7th, 2015

Call to Order:

The April 7th, 2015 meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Jon Ricciutti.

Commission Member Present:

Chairman Jon Ricciutti, Mary Whitney, David Madigan, James McGrath, and Andy Roy

Others Present:

Gary Withington, Amy LeBlanc, Steve Curry, Councilor Angelo Bisol, Glen Campone, Dave Streb, Jessica Shea, Councilor Joel Kaddy, Mike Nelson

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Led by Andy Roy

Minutes of the Meeting:

A motion was made by Mary Whitney and seconded by Dave Madigan that the March minutes are accepted. Motion 5-0

Community Development Report:

Report made by Amy LeBlanc. (See attached report).

A motion was made by Jim McGrath and seconded by Dave Madigan to request the report be accepted. Motion 5-0

Parks Maintenance Report:

Report was made by Gary Withington. (See Attached Report).

A motion was made by Mary Whitney and seconded by Andy Roy to request the report be accepted. Motion 5-0

Friends of Coggshall Report:

Report was made by James McGrath. (See attached report).

Alicia Day, Recreation Director, needs to talk to Dick Sarasin, City Auditor, about accepting donations. Also, Military Band would like to come back to Coggshall Park will work with Alicia Day to get this scheduled.

Issue with location of the placement of the Monty Tech sign at Coggshall Stonehouse. Mary Whitney will send the Monty Tech sign design and location to the Friends of Coggshall to find a location that works for both organizations and put on the next month's agenda to make a decision.

Meeting dates will be the 4th Tuesday of the month at 4:30pm.

A motion was made by Mary Whitney and seconded Andy Roy to approve the report. Motion 5-0

A motion was made by Mary Whitney and seconded Andy Roy by to approve the scheduling of the military band with the recreation director. Motion 5-0

A motion was made by Andy Roy and seconded Dave Madigan to have Mary Whitney communicate with the Friends of Coggshall about the signage. Motion 5-0

Recreation Department Report: Report Made by Alicia Day

A motion was made by Jim McGrath and seconded by Mary Whitney to request the report be accepted. Motion 5 -0

*Moving Fitchburg Youth Softball Association up on the schedule
A motion was made by Andy Roy and seconded by Jim Madigan to move Fitchburg Youth Softball Association up on the agenda. Motion 5 -0

Name: Fitchburg Youth Softball Association

<u>Issue/ Request:</u> Would like to obtain a permit for field #2 for the year and would like to discuss previous agreement between the association and parks board. (Ownership of concessions stand, responsibility for maintenance, etc.) Scheduling available at www.fitchburgsoftball.com

A motion was made by Mary Whitney and seconded by Andy Roy that the request for the permit for field #2 for Fitchburg Youth Softball Association be accepted. Motion 5-0

A motion was made by Mary Whitney and seconded by Dave Madigan that the Recreation Department and Fitchburg Youth Softball Association work together using the new online scheduling through the 2015 fall season on a trial basis. Motion 5-0

Riverfront Park Update

A motion was made by Jim McGrath and seconded by Dave Madigan to request the report be accepted. Motion 5 -0

Old Business:

Landry Arena: Discussion started by Jon Riccuitti. (See letter from Angelo Bisol.)

City Council requesting that two representatives come to the table to meet with Fitchburg State University to discuss in creating a building that would include usage for the constituents of the City of Fitchburg.

Mike Nelson read a letter in opposition of the demolition of the Landry Arena. (See attached letter)

A motion was made by Jim McGrath and seconded by Andy Roy that the Park Commissioners will only meet with Fitchburg State University and John Barrett if all five Park Commissioners are present at the meeting. Motion 5-0

Board of Health: Steve Curry, BOH providing 150 trash/ recycling bins for the parks.

A motion was made by Jon Ricciutti and seconded by Mary Whitney to work with Board of Health and Department of Public Works to strategically lay out a plan to place some of these trash and recycling barrels. Motion 5-0

Name: Vee Lashua

Issue/ Request: requested an extended permit for the Fitchburg Farmer's Market for Riverfront Park to take place every Thursday from July 9th, 2015 through October 29th, 2015 from 3:00pm to 6:30pm. Also request to waive the Riverfront fee.

A motion was made by Mary Whitney and seconded by Andy Roy to approve the dates for the farmers market at Riverfront. Motion 5-0

A motion was made by Mary Whitney and seconded by Andy Roy to waive the fees for the farmers market at Riverfront. Motion 5-0

New Business:

<u>Name:</u> Desiree Hamelin and Janet Morrison: Fitchburg Greenways Committee <u>Issue/ Request:</u> Update on Gateway park knoll trail and request for maintenance permission. (See attachments)

A motion was made by Dave Madigan and seconded by Mary Whitney that the request be accepted. Motion 5-0

Name: Jay Johnson

Issue/ Request: Requesting a vendor permit for an Italian ice cart at Parkhill Park, Coggshall Park, and

Greens Corners Playground.

A motion was made by Andy Roy and seconded by Mary Whitney that the request be approved. Motion 5-0

Name: Dan Evans Jr. in lieu of Scott Lanciani that was not able to attend due to a family emergency. Issue/ Request: requesting a permit for April 16th, 2015 to have a carnival at Coolidge Park.

A motion was made by Jim McGrath and seconded by Mary Whitney that the request be denied for April date and that Mr. Lanciani return to the Parks Board after a thorough plan is created for a future date that allows paperwork for permitting to be processed in a reasonable amount of time. (Four to six weeks). Motion 5-0

Community Issues:

Name: Reverend Sheree Frazier

Issue/request: Would like to host a Juneteenth celebration at Riverfront Park on June 13th, 2015 and would like the fee to be waived for this event.

A motion was made by Mary Whitney and seconded by Andy Roy to accept request for the Juneteenth event to be held at Riverfront and to waive the fees. Motion 5-0

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by Jim McGrath and seconded by Dave Madigan. Motion 5-0



CITY OF FITCHBURG MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

LISA A. WONG MAYOR NATHAN LaROSE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR

IRENE HERNANDEZ ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

March 24, 2015

The Honorable City Council Fitchburg Municipal Offices 166 Boulder Dr, STE 108 Fitchburg, MA 01420 2015 MAR 211 A 11: 27

Dear Honorable Councilors,

I hereby reappoint and ask for your confirmation of Mr. James McGrath of 83 Charles Street, Fitchburg, as a member of the Board of Park Commissioners for a term to expire on April 1, 2020.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Wong

Cc. Alicia Day, Recreation Director



City of Fitchburg, Massachusetts DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

LARRY CASASSA Director

HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT * PLANNING * ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Report to the Board of Park Commissioners
Submitted by Amy LeBlanc, Community Development Office
April 7, 2015

LOWE PLAYGROUND

An easement was received from the Sundial in mid-February which allows the overhead lines which currently cross the park to be moved over the Sundial's parking lot. Unitil and Comcast have completed the work to move their overhead lines away from the park. I have heard the following from Verizon as of today: Splice crews are scheduled to be there today. Removals will be performed as soon as their work is complete. All parties are aware of the 4/13/2015 and we are on schedule to meet that commitment.

Which leads me to my next point that the Contractor, Botany Bay, is scheduled to be on-site to recommence work on Monday, April 13th.

On a visit out last week, I became aware that snow had either been dumped or plowed into the park from the Sundial parking lot. This was very apparent as this snow pile was the only snow remaining in the park. Some damage to the newly installed fence along the back of the park was noted due to this snow/or the snow plow.

PARKHILL SPLASHPAD

I have received an offer from John Taylor, the Manufacturer's representative for the spray park equipment to meet with DPW staff at the park to view the control bollard that is currently not operational. They have the knowledge to determine if this is a fix that can happen before the season, needs to wait until the construction project or if the bollard needs to be completely replaced. This is one of the last elements remaining to moving forward with the plans and specifications. Unfortunately Mr. Taylor is a very busy man and we have not been able to schedule this visit yet.

PARKS REPORT

- Parks employees are helping with daily work at Cemetery
- Filled potholes around city
- Trimmed trees at Pierce Farm
- Picked up couch and trash from Coolidge Park
- Picked up branches in parks
- Repaired lawnmowers and hand power tools
- Sanded Coggshall Park where needed
- Sand and salted sidewalks and bridges
- Shoveled walkways at Coggshall Park where snow fell off roof
- Picked up couch at Parkhill Park
- Removed broken sign from Coggshall Park
- · Cleared snow from drains at Mirror Lake
- Removed snow from road at Riverfront Park
- Removed snow from Monument Park
- Cleaned up around Welcome To Fitchburg Signs
- Working with M.E. O'Brien to purchase parts to repair playground equipment various parks
- Working with Planning Dept to fix Splash Park at Parkhill Park
- Removed downed tree on Prospect Street
- Removed stairs for skaters from Coggshall Park at Mirror Lake

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT - April 7th, 2015

Administration:

Director:

- Weekly warrants turned in.
- Payroll turned in.
- Revolving Payroll turned in.
- Received a letter that funding has been approved from the CDBG to re-grade and reseed the soccer
 Fields at Coolidge Park.
- Working on getting SORI checks added into my summer staff hiring procedure.
- Biddy League Referees and table staff paid in full for season services.
- Attended the Massachusetts Recreation and Parks Association annual conference in Amherst, MA Tuesday, March 10th - Thursday, March 12th, 2015.
 - Sessions:
 - Key Customer Service Indicators Carolyn McKnight
 - Winning Collaborative Partnerships To Improve Health And wellness Carolyn McKnight
 - National Trends in Parks and Recreation Fran Mainella
 - Misfit Strong: Youth Empowerment/Anti-Bullying Programming Karen Kiefer
 - Managing Your Recreation Business Through Cost Recovery Lisa Paradis & Jesse Myott
 - Fusion Of Social Media Into Parks And Recreation Joshua Medeiros and Bryan Dumelin
 - Strategic Financial Management: The 10 Ways To Close A Budget Gap. Peter Finn
- Picked up championship trophies and service award for Jon Roy.
- Worked with FATV to organize the broadcast of the Biddy Basketball Championships.
- Worked on Recreation Department Budget and turned in on March 20th, 2015.
 - Clarifying FY 14 and Projecting FY 15 and FY 16 numbers.
- Created a priority goals plan for the department for the next three months.
- Set up or contacted individuals to set-up opening procedures for the pool and splash pads. Aiming for a June 21st, 2015 opening date.
 - o Board of Health
 - o Plumbing
 - Electricity
 - o Pool maintenance
- Registration for the Men's Summer Basketball League is open.
- Looking into small grants for the disc golf course to develop more community interest.
- Took Sponsorship thank you plaques to business and organizations that supported Biddy Basketball.
- Created some budget statistics for budget meeting with the Mayor.
- Went over the recreation department requested budget for FY 16' with Mayor Lisa Wong.
- Turned in Parks Board agenda to the city clerk's office
- Finished board minutes for the March meeting.
- Attended Childhood Abuse Prevention month kick off at the Upper Common.
- Attended the Fun n' Fit meeting at the Senior Center
- Set up 2 interviews for the Summer Coordinator position and 1 for Head Lifeguard.
- Set up parks permits for future events.
- Edited the city webpage to update spring and summer programs and forms.
- Created course and program registration forms for summer programs.

Met with:

- Mike Pellend (Goodrich Academy) to make plans for park clean up days with his students in Spring and early summer.
- Tom Skweirawski (MOC) discuss hope the recreation department can help the Re-imaging North of Main project.
- Kathy Brady (Reingold Principal), Melissa Green (Mass DOT), and Jessica Diaz (MOC) In depth planning for the Bike Safety week that will take place with the 4th graders at Reingold.
- Audrey Lewis (Eagle Trophy) to check in on the status of the Biddy League Trophies and to go over final detail in a service award plaque that will be awarded at the Biddy Playoff on March 13th, 2015

 -Wil Darcangelo(Tribe) discussing use of the Tribe space for Recreation Department Programming.
- -Josiah Richards (ARC) Discussing dise of the Tribe space for Recreation department Programmin

 -Josiah Richards (ARC) Discussing plans for setting up the community garden at Gateway park.
- Ray Cosenza Going over set-up for Biddy Championships to be held March 13th, 2015
- Patti Machado Leisure Services Director for Barnstable, MA (She was my conference mentor)
- John Whalen Recreation Director for Natick, MA and executive Director of MRPA
- Nicole Banks Recreation Director for Westwood, MA
- Ellen Bearse Recreation Director for Brewster, MA
- Judy Sumner Recreation Director for Leominster, MA
- Dick Sarasin and Jacquie Cronin Discussion on Recreation Department Budget
- Jessica Shea and Lucia Antocci Fitchburg Youth Softball Association
- Brad Cohrs Recreation Director at FSU discussion Men's winter basketball championship game.
- Gary Lundy Discussion on issue surrounding the scheduling and maintenance of softball fields at Coolidge for the 2015 season.
- Steve Curry and Patrick Mettler Board of Health discussion on Pool Opening
- -Steve Curry, Nancy Fillers, Susan Buchholz, Jessica Diaz Discussion on Parks days with MOC and Fun'n'Fitchburg
- Sarah Demos Audit of recreation department's deposit and receipt process. She is recommending that the recreation department get software for program registration and supports the current move towards allowing an online registration and payment through the website.
- Susan Orsini Summer Playground Program discussion.
- Mike O'Hara, Amy Leblanc, Sam Carson Gateway Cities interview.
- John Murray Pick up men's championship t-shirts and discussion on Softball fields.
- Mayor Lisa Wong Discussing Recreation Budget
- Bernie Stephens Discussion on CORI and SORI checks and hiring paperwork needed for summer staff.
- Migdalia Velez Child Abuse Prevention Month & possible adoption of Goodrich Park.

Recreation Assistant:

- Unpacked 4 large bins of old recreation equipment and repacked that which could still be used, organizing it in new storage area.
- Managed scheduling, permitting and Stonehouse showings.
- Further condensed files and organized by date.
- Consolidated out of date binders and identified which material needs updating.
- Began researching and compiling a list of program grants and funding sources for LED light replacement in parks.
- Networked with community leaders and teachers to gather information about existing programs to identify recreation opportunities not presently being offered.
- Contacted Sally Cragin to confer with her about putting on theatre performances in Gateway Park.
- Arranged a meeting with Wil Darcangelo of the Tribe to discuss possible use of his Main St. space for new programming.

- Arranged a meeting with Josiah Richard, member of the Fitchburg Greenway Committee, de facto chair of the Friends Group, and de facto garden organizer to discuss his plans - if any for Gateway Park in the spring.
- Contacted Unitil and conferred with John Dinapoli about their assistance program for LED lights.
- Managed scheduling, permitting and related business.
- · Further condensed files and organized by date.
- Consolidated out of date binders and identified which material needs updating.
- Networked with community leaders and teachers to gather information about existing programs to identify recreation opportunities not presently being offered.
- Continued to revise and build an updated brochure. Hope to have it out by April 10th, 2015.
- Performed outreach to local yoga studios, music stores and other businesses that may be interested in collaboration in new programming.
- Continued building a list of musicians as potential performers in the Concerts on the Common series.
- Called Joanne Foster of Growing Places for potential candidates that would be interested in community programming to teach ecological friendly and green alternatives to the community.
- Continued researching grants.
- Managed social media.
- Answered phones and relayed messages to Director when appropriate.
- Conferred with Mike O'Hara, City Planner, about maps and specific ordinances for Gateway

 Park
- Contacted prospective business sponsors for the upcoming Concerts on the Commons series.
- Networked with local businesses for the 'Call for artists and musicians'.
- Reached out for donations of musical instruments and art supplies for upcoming programming.
- Screened potential candidates for employment in the Summer Playground Program.
- Continued building a list of musicians as potential performers in the Concerts on the Common series.
- Created flyers for promotion of upcoming programs.
- Reserved July 17th for the Summer Playground Programs fieldtrip.
- Attended the Re-Imagine North of Main Summit meeting for networking.
- Corresponded with potential instructors for new programming and questions about course proposals.
 - Guided Meditation Course Starting May 6th Ends May 27th 7pm to 8:30pm at the Stonehouse.
 - Nature Watercolor Course Starting May
- Managed Stonehouse and park reservations, showings and permitting.
- Joined Fitchburg Pride as a representative of the department.

Recreation Programs:

- Girl's Biddy League:
 - Girls Biddy Basketball playoff games on Tuesday, March 10th, 2015.
 - Championship on Friday, March 13th, 2015. (Coach Cole's team the Fitchburg Fire Department won the championship)
- Boys Biddy League:
 - Boys Biddy Basketball playoff games on Thursday, March 12th, 2015.
 - o Championship on Friday, March 13th, 2015. (Coach Glori's team Dr. Yamin won the championship)

- Men's Winter Basketball League:
 - Men's League Monday and Wednesday at Memorial Middle School. Playoff and Championship Games on Sunday March 29th, 2015 12:00pm to 5:00pm at FSU recreation center. (Halstead insurance won championship.)
- US Sports Programs:
 - Issued Building use forms out to Fran Thomas, Memorial Middle Principal, for Summer Sports Camp dates July 20th – 24th, 2015 and August 10th – 14th, 2015. They have been signed by Fran and sent off to Joe Richardson at Building maintenance.
 - Programming offered: Squirts total sport (age 3 -5), Total Multi-Sport (Age 7-12), Field Hockey
 Clinic (Age 6 -14), and Lacrosse Clinic (Age 6 -14).
- Took reservations for One time Field use, Coggshall Stonehouse and gazebo. Weekends in the summer for the stonehouse are almost completely booked.
- Working on Community Garden start up at Gateway Park with Josiah Richards. Events on April 25th and May 23rd at Gateway.

Requests:

- 1. I ask the Commissioners to visit their parks and report back any damage at the parks that needs to be fixed so that we can have an organized list.
- 2. Requesting opening a discussion on implementing a fee system for sport fields. Why do we not do this?
 - a. A majority of sports fields run by Parks and Recreation Departments in the State and the Nation have usage fees that pay for maintenance and up keep of fields.
 - b. If we are putting money into the field like the new Soccer Fields, we need to think about the longevity of the fields.
 - c. This would help the parks department funding for materials, equipment, and payroll and allow us to have funds to handle situations that arise where we need to take back over the care of a field.
- 3. Vendor permit cost is \$25.00. Would you like to keep it at this amount?
- 4. I will be requesting that the 53D revolving account be changed over to a 53E1/2. Any comments or concerns?
- 5. Mayor is asking for metrics. Any suggestions from the board on what statics you are interested in seeing?

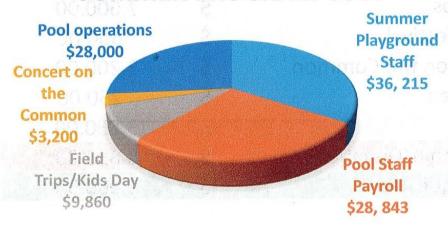
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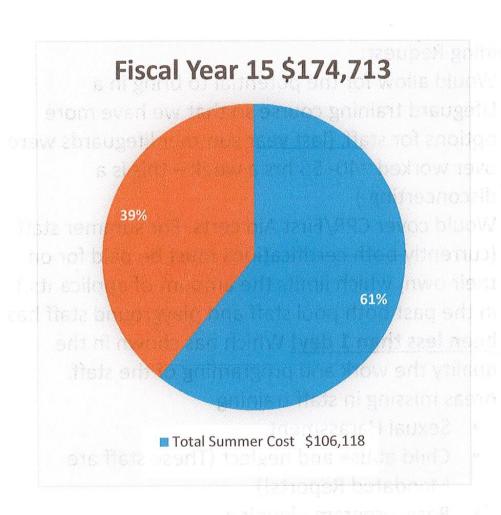
Recreation Department Agenda 4/3/2015

- 1. 5 year game plan is to drastically change the percentage of municipal funds asked for by supplementing with sponsorships, grants, and new course programming. Would like to get to 60% municipal and 40% outside source in 5 years.
 - Request for more than 2% of previous year budget to allow a capital to start this process.
- 2. Need to change the type of revolving fund to do this. (communicating with Dick Sarasin about this.)
- 3. Special events break down
- 4. Training funds explanation.
- 5. Q&A

Recreation Department Breakdown 2015

SUMMER PROGRAM COST





Special Events FY 16 request break down		
Kids Day	\$	2,300.00
Field Trips	\$	7,600.00
Winter Festival	\$	500.00
Concert on the Common	\$	3,200.00
Halloween	\$	250.00
Total	\$	13,850.00
Sponsorship/Donations	\$	5,850.00
Total Requested	\$	8,000.00

Training Request:

- Would allow for the potential to bring in a Lifeguard training course so that we have more options for staff. (last year summer lifeguards were over worked ~40- 55 hrs a week – this is a disconcerting.)
- Would cover CPR/First Aid certs. For summer staff
- (currently both certifications must be paid for on their own, which limits the amount of applicants.)
- In the past both pool staff and playground staff has been less than 1 day! Which has shown in the quality the work and programing of the staff.
- Areas missing in staff training
 - Sexual Harassment
 - Child abuse and neglect (These staff are Mandated Reports!)
 - Basic program planning



PART I ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT

TITLE VII CITIES, TOWNS AND DISTRICTS

CHAPTER 44 MUNICIPAL FINANCE

Section 53E1/2 Revolving funds

Section 53E1/2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section fifty-three, a city or town may annually authorize the use of one or more revolving funds by one or more municipal agency, board, department or office which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies in such city or town and to which shall be credited only the departmental receipts received in connection with the programs supported by such revolving fund. Expenditures may be made from such revolving fund without further appropriation, subject to the provisions of this section; provided, however, that expenditures shall not be made or liabilities incurred from any such revolving fund in excess of the balance of the fund nor in excess of the total authorized expenditures from such fund, nor shall any expenditures be made unless approved in accordance with sections forty-one, forty-two, fifty-two and fifty-six of chapter forty-one.

Interest earned on any revolving fund balance shall be treated as general fund revenue of the city or town. No revolving fund may be established pursuant to this section for receipts of a municipal water or sewer department or of a municipal hospital. No such revolving fund may be established if the aggregate limit of all revolving funds authorized under this section exceeds ten percent of the amount raised by taxation by the city or town in the most recent fiscal year for which a tax rate has been certified under section twenty-three of chapter fifty-nine. No revolving fund expenditures shall be made for the purpose of paying any wages or salaries for full time employees unless such revolving fund is also charged for the costs of fringe benefits associated with the wages or salaries so paid; provided, however, that such prohibition shall not apply to wages or salaries paid to full or part-time employees who are employed as drivers providing transportation for public school students; provided further, that only that portion of a revolving fund which is attributable to transportation fees may be used to pay such wages or salaries and provided, further, that any such wages or salaries so paid shall be reported in the budget submitted for the next fiscal year.

A revolving fund established under the provisions of this section shall be by vote of the annual town meeting in a town, upon recommendation of the board of selectmen, and by vote of the city council in a city, upon recommendation of the mayor or city manager, in Plan E cities, and in any other city or town by vote of the legislative body upon the recommendation of the chief administrative or executive officer. Such authorization shall be made annually prior to each respective fiscal year; provided, however, that each authorization for a revolving fund shall specify: (1) the programs and purposes for which the revolving fund may be expended; (2) the

departmental receipts which shall be credited to the revolving fund; (3) the board, department or officer authorized to expend from such fund; (4) a limit on the total amount which may be expended from such fund in the ensuing fiscal year; and, provided, further, that no board, department or officer shall be authorized to expend in any one fiscal year from all revolving funds under its direct control more than one percent of the amount raised by taxation by the city or town in the most recent fiscal year for which a tax rate has been certified under section twenty-three of chapter fifty-nine. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, whenever, during the course of any fiscal year, any new revenue source becomes available for the establishment of a revolving fund under this section, such a fund may be established in accordance with this section upon certification by the city auditor, town accountant, or other officer having similar duties, that the revenue source was not used in computing the most recent tax levy.

In any fiscal year the limit on the amount that may be spent from a revolving fund may be increased with the approval of the city council and mayor in a city, or with the approval of the selectmen and finance committee, if any, in a town; provided, however, that the one percent limit established by clause (4) of the third paragraph is not exceeded.

The board, department or officer having charge of such revolving fund shall report to the annual town meeting or to the city council and the board of selectmen, the mayor of a city or city manager in a Plan E city or in any other city or town to the legislative body and the chief administrative or executive officer, the total amount of receipts and expenditures for each revolving fund under its control for the prior fiscal year and for the current fiscal year through December thirty-first, or such later date as the town meeting or city council may, by vote determine, and the amount of any increases in spending authority granted during the prior and current fiscal years, together with such other information as the town meeting or city council may by vote require.

At the close of a fiscal year in which a revolving fund is not reauthorized for the following year, or in which a city or town changes the purposes for which money in a revolving fund may be spent in the following year, the balance in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall revert to surplus revenue unless the annual town meeting or the city council and mayor or city manager in a Plan E city and in any other city or town the legislative body vote to transfer such balance to another revolving fund established under this section.

The director of accounts may issue guidelines further regulating revolving funds established under this section.

VENDOR REQUIREMENTS FORM



Per order of the Board of Park commissioners and the City of Fitchburg Police Department, the following permits and requests must be in place and a copy must be provided to the Recreation Director before approval will be given to any vendor wishing to vend in any City Park by the Board of Park Commissioners. **Vendors must apply for a permit every year.**

Important Contacts

Board of Health: 978-829-1870

Police Department: 978-345-9645

City Clerk: 978 829-1820

* A copy of all requirements must be provided to the Recreation Department before a vendor permit

will be issued.*

DATE	REQUIREMENTS
	TYPE OF VENDOR:
	CORI & SORI VERIFIED AND ON FILE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
110000	CURRENT PHOTO ID ON FILE
	CURRENT BOARD OF HEALTH PERMITS
	COMMON VICTUALLER'S LICENSE FROM CITY CLERK
	\$25.00 VENDOR FEE PAID TO THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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Contact: A	licia Day, Recreation Director		
		Police Department	Date
	: 978-829-1818 y@fitchburgma.gov		
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US Sports Clinics

Field Hockey Clinic: • July 20 th – 24 th , 2015 (M-F)	
 Location: Coolidge Park 4:30pm to 6:30pm Cost =\$80.00/week Ages 6 -14 	
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Register and Pay online at https://usasportgroup.com

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- +Register through the Recreation Department.
- +Payment is due at the time of registration. If you need to arrange a payment plan, please speak directly with the Recreation Director only.
- +Please fill out and sign both sides of this form and return with payment.

Checks are made out to Fitchburg Recreation Department

Please mail to:

Fitchburg Recreation Department 301 Broad Street Fitchburg, MA 01420



US Sports Programs



Please Register for Field Hockey before June 30th, 2015 Limited number of spots – Sign Up Today Please Register for Lacrosse before July 30th, 2015

Liability Waiver:

Please accept the named person on this form for participation in the named event. I am aware of the risks inherent with this activity, and release US Sport Institute and the Fitchburg Recreation Department of any and all liability.

I have aware of the risks in the nature of the planned activities and verify that the participant is of sufficient age, ability, and discretion to participate.

I also agree that the participant is at the discretion of the City of Fitchburg Recreation Department; violation of code of conduct could result in removal from the current program without refund.

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US Sports Programs

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Fitchburg Recreation Men's Basketball Summer League 2015



Cost: \$60.00 per team

**** \$55.00 per team will be paid in cash to the table for each game played to pay for refs and table.****

All Players Must Have Team Shirts with Numbers On The Back.

The first 10 teams to pay will be registered with the League.

Enrollment will end on May 25th, 2015

Monday and Wednesday Nights from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at Parkhill Park

Starts:

Monday, June 1st, 2015

Ends:

Mid-August 2015

Please visit us at:

http://www.ci.fitchburg.ma.us/government/departments/recreation
If you have any further questions contact the Recreation Director
(978) 829-1815 phone (978) 345-9687 fax

Fitchburg Recreation Men's Basketball Summer League 2015

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Cost: \$50.00 per participant

Time: 9:00 am - 10am

Location: J. Robert Crowley Swimming Complex, 280 Pearl Street, Fitchburg MA 01420

<u>Dates:</u> July 6th 2015 – August 14th 2015

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Frends of Cogshall Park...Fitchburg's Crown Jewel

c/o 20 Plain Street Fitchburg, MA 01420

March 26, 2015

James McGrath Fitchburg Park Board Fitchburg Ma.01420

Dear Park Board Members:

The Friends of Coggshall want to clarify our involvement on the current issue of honoring the work done by the Monty Tech Vocational School with a banner or sign to be installed above the front door of the Stone House entrance at Coggshall Park.

At a board meeting last year we reviewed the proposal and the Board voted to not support this plan to honor the school. We all felt that the sign would confuse visitors to the park as it is known as the Henry Coggshall Stone House and the banner or sign would also detract from the beautiful work done by the students and faculty.

The Friends have installed two items in the Stone House that give credit to Monty Tech for the work they have done in rebuilding the house: a framed history of the Stone House in the upper room and a much larger sign with the history in the lower level of the house and also the history is in our 2015 newsletter.

We also believe that the price of \$1000.00 was too much to pay for this sign, as we have a number of projects that need to be completed this year in the park. We did discuss the possibility of putting a smaller banner or sign in the lower level interior wall so that everyone that walks thru this area would see a thank you for a job well done. We also pointed out that The Stone House Fund that we collected from many sources has all been spent on interior and exterior projects in and around the Stone House in the last fiscal year.

Singerely

Bob O'Connell, President of the Friends

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Coggshall 2015 donation

From:

Sun, Mar 29, 2015 05:48 PM

Subject: Coggshall 2015 donation

To:

Cc:

Mayor Wong,

Board of Parks Commissioners,

Fitchburg City Council,

The Board of Directors for the Friends of Coggshall Park are pleased to make the following donation to the City of Fitchburg for the 2015 year. The following amounts will be pay for by the friends as they have the services completed.

Concerts

\$2200.00

Printing, mailing of newsletter \$1000.00

Park maintenance

\$2000.00

Clean up, bark mulch.

\$2200.00

Adds for concerts

\$ 200.00

Miscellaneous gifts

\$ 500.00

Total donation. (estimated).

\$8100.00

Respectfully submitted,

President Robert O'Connell ,Vice president James McGrath, Treasurer Timothy Hertel

Memorials Ann O'Connell, Membership Linda Hertel.

Directors, Richard and Francine Anderson, Lauri and DaideenMoilanen, Burt Coffman, Robert Caron, Patrick Donovan, Matthew Dube, Erica Tworog-Dube, Ray Godin, Jean McCarthy, Deborah Welch Paquette, and Mary Whitney.

Sent from Windows Mail

Good Evening Parks Commissioners.

Thank you for taking the time to read my input on the Landry Arena.

As you know I was on the parks commission before I became a city Councilor. I have an understanding of what has transpired not only in the past, but where we are today. I can fully appreciate the frustration this has cause you and I am looking forward to the conclusion and resolve of this issue.

First of all, as a City official, I want to apologize for everything your board has gone through. The decision to bring this issue to court is long overdue and I'm glad it is finally in the hands of a judge. I feel there has always been a wiliness from the Parks Board and the College to seek legal advice and a resolution. I'm hoping that at some point a resolution can be reached that satisfies everyone.

I want to say that I still believe it is important for everyone to know what the legal ruling is. It will be important once the decision is made to finally correct this issue. You already have a great relationship with the college, and the Softball field has really worked out for everyone. I think it would be easy to continue this Partnership with the College. Here are some of the things I would like to see happen.

If we could, I would like to see the Recreation Directors office based out of this facility. I believe our present location is not ideal. I would like to see the Recreation office in a more visible location, with a sign on the front of the street, it would be easier for people to find. Also I feel it would be more inviting for people in the evenings to go to a place well lite with people present.

Alicia could build a partnership with the university where she could have students intern in her office. She could show them what it takes to run Parks and Recreation department in a city of 40,000. Hopefully she would be able to hire some of these university students for summer programs.

When the college isn't using the facility I would like to see it open to our softball teams, baseball teams, Indoor soccer, volleyball etc. Maybe University Students could hold clinics for younger children to help them learn the skills of the game.

As far as the ice skating and hockey facility. I have an idea, I don't know how to make it happen, but my wife thinks I can do it. I heard from both the council and hockey user's ice time is expensive. So the solution would be to have a skating rink that would be cost effective to run. I spoke with someone at work who was a professional hockey player and a coach for a local street hockey league. The thought would be to design a rink that could not only support street hockey but ice hockey too. It would have to be cover with a roof to keep snow off, which would also help to keep rain and moisture off the boards. The college has put the boards aside from the hockey rink, so we would be able to use those. The biggest obstacle is funding such a project. But in the end the overhead cost would be less, which would increase users who want to use it. Ice hockey is expensive but ice skating isn't. We would have a covered outdoor skating rink that would encourage people to skate again. Also if done correctly the ice would be of the quality our own Fitchburg High hockey would be able to use. Presently Coolidge parks lies unused during the winter months. This would add something to the park and we might even be able to promote a cross country skiing track there also.

Finally, the Carmelita Landry story is more than just skating, it's a story about a woman who overcame her disabilities to become an Olympic skater. I would ask that the college honor her by having her story told as you enter the building. I would also ask that if a year round facility was built, that the city and the college would have a Carmelita Landry day where children with disabilities would be honored for their achievements. There are so many people who overcome hurdles that need to be recognized for their wonderful ability. The city is very proud of all of Carmelita's accomplishments and they should be celebrated.

Thank-you for listening to a few thoughts I had on this wonderful facility.

Angelo Bisol

Good evening Parks Board.

Im here tonight to ask you not to give up this fight for the Landry Arena. This whole process has been a long and arduous one, but if we stay united in this, we will perservere.

I have heard through the grapevine that there has been a lot of political pressure put upon members of this board by politicians in this city in order to get you to change your mind in this battle. First of all if that is the case then I believe that to be extremely unethical, and also possibly criminal. I have heard that certain people have had threats made against them in regards to their personal stance on the Landry Arena, again I believe this not only to be wrong but also unethical and possibly criminal.

Im here before you to say what was wrong about this whole situation 14 months ago, 7 months ago and 7 days ago is still wrong no matter how they try and spit shine it..." a rotten apple is still a rotten apple"!!! You as Parks Board members took an oath of office to protect and preserve the City of Fitchburgs Park lands. George Wallace did not build a skating rink with the intention of an entity stealing it away from the community. It was to remain a skating facility nothing more, nothing less.

Its funny to me how now that you have the ball in your hands, the University, who had shunned all previous requests to meet, is now interested in "discussing" this matter. Their only intention in this discussion is to separate, divide and conquer. They will try and sell this off to you as "whats best for the community". They will tell you how they will do this and they will do that, and how in the long run their plan best serves the whole community. Im here to tell you do not buy into their lies! As John and Jim had previously stated to me and others, when the lease was initially done in 2007, Mr. Antonucci promised both of them that the facility would stay a skating facility. With that being said, the proof is in the pudding about how much the can be trusted. The administration that is there today will not be the administration that is there tomorrow, and the Councilors, and parks members who are here today will not be the same people who will be here in the future. They are wolves in sheeps clothing and should not be allowed into the barn.

If there is a proposed meeting I believe that number one it should be held at a City owned building and not at the University. I also believe that all the Parks board members should be in attendance. I can promise you that their plans are to divide and conquer this board, by whatever means possible to get you to back off. Nothing has changed from 4 weeks ago when this board was adamant about taking these issues in front of a judge. The paperwork was completed by the City Solicitor John Barrett to bring this situation to a Judge. I have read it and Im sure everyone of you has read it as well. With the amount of legal problems that are involved with the issue at hand, there is no way to turn away from this at this point. I and the users of the facility believe that the only reason to meet with the University

would be to discuss them making it a multi use facility that is available to the skaters and hockey players 90 days out of the year, Dec 1st through March 1st, the University could use it the other 275 days of the year. I believe this is a very reasonable request considering that it is the skaters facility in the first place! If the University is not willing to seriously entertain that option, then truly there is no reason for discussion, and lets continue forward on the same path we were on and let a Judge decide this matter.

If the facility is given back to the city as the university has threatened, that would be wonderful. We could form a committee and come up with a game plan for the operation of this wonderful city asset.

Please Stay strong and do whats right!

City of Fitchburg Board of Park Commissioners 301 Broad Street Fitchburg, MA 01420 (978) 829-1815

April #, 2015

Ms. Gina Perez Director of Community Works Crews Massachusetts Department of Correction P.O. Box 9125 Concord, MA 01742

Request for Central Division Community Work Crew - Knoll Trail Project, Fitchburg

Dear Ms. Perez,

The City of Fitchburg's Board of Park Commissioners would like to request the services of a Community Work Crew from the Central Division to aid in the construction of a new 1/2 mile long recreational trail within the boundaries of Gateway Park on Sheldon Street. The project, referred to as the "Knoll Trail," will be coordinated by Desiree Hamelin of the Fitchburg Greenway Committee. Desiree can be reached by email at dhamelin@northcountylandtrust.org or by phone at (978) 424-7328.

We are requesting 6-10 inmates for one 40-hour week of work beginning any time after the first week of June. The crew will be directed by Mr. Dick O'Brien who has prior experience leading community work crews on similar projects. Any necessary chainsaw work will be completed by volunteers of the Fitchburg Greenway Committee before the crew arrives on site. Inmates will be tasked with removing debris from the trail corridor, using a rogue hoe to bench-cut into a hill to create a level trail surface, raking loose forest debris from the path to provide tread definition, and picking up any trash they encounter. If possible, we request that the DOC provide 3-4 leaf rakes, 3-4 bow rakes, 3-4 loppers, 6 spade shovels and work gloves. Specialized tools, such as the rogue hoes, will be provided by the Fitchburg Greenway Committee.

The creation of this trail will provide the people of Fitchburg a unique opportunity to enjoy a wooded hike to a scenic overlook just minutes from downtown and multiple Environmental Justice neighborhoods. We hope that we can partner with you to complete this project and thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jon Ricciutti, Chairman



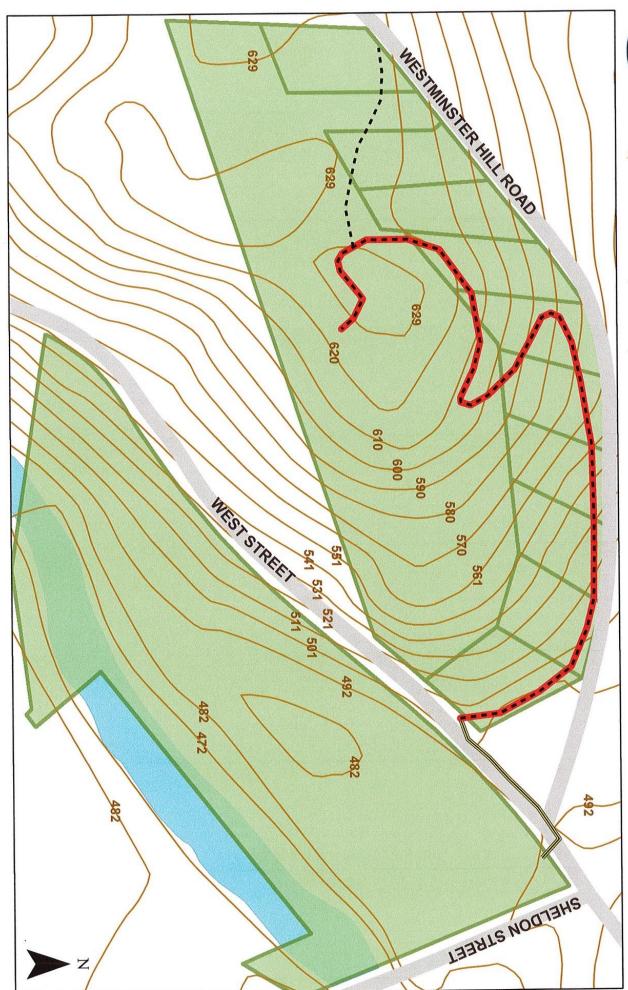


Gateway Park Knoll Trail Phase I Proposal

As presented by Desiree Hamelin, Fitchburg Greenway Committee, April 7, 2015







This map was derived from information on MassGIS. The proposed trail location was mapped with a GPS unit at an accuracy level of 21'. This map does not replace a survey. Topography, 10'

Phase I, Proposed ----- Phase II, Conceptual, Accessible

Phase III, Conceptual, Stairs & Crosswalk

100 Feet

TRAIL ASSESSMENT FORM Propertry Owner: City of Fitchburg Property Location: Gateway Park, Sheldon Rd., West St., & Westminster Hill Road Trail Name: To be determined Conditions: Sunny, Clear, Warm and Dry Date of Assessment: 5/6/13 Distance | Assessment, Condition or Observation Phase **Point** Trail should start at the end of paved parking area at Gateway Park. From the middle of the north curbstone, the trail should bend and run parallel to West street until it reaches the remains of the concrete and brick retaining wall adjacent to West Street. This section of trail should be constructed 0 Α PHASE III of a 4' wide path of compacted 3/8" minus crusher fines 4-6" thick over a filter fabric and trail edging material. A set of stairs with outside side railing should be constructed to allow walkers and hikers to get up to the level of West Street. A passage should be made in the chain link fence and a crosswalk with 91' В proper signage should be installed at this point to get users safely to the north side of West Street. The trail to the top of Westminster Hill (if that is the name of this little hill?) begins here and runs north and parallel to and along the property line of the abutter to the east. The first 100' contains a significant amount of downed branches and limbs and some rubbish that needs to be cleaned. Some C 117' bench-cutting will be needed to establish the proper cross-slope on the trail surface. This treadway should be no more than 24". Some significant bench-cutting work needed on this 100' section to traverse a steep grade change. Initial corridor clearing needed as well. Once past this section, the treadwork is much less demanding. 217' D Simple corridor clearing to the next point! 270' E Trail runs parallel to Westminster Hill Road. Some debris and corridor clearing needed, but good F 357' wayfinding (blazes and signage) will do well here. Trail continues along the bottom of the property paralleling Westminster Hill Road. Some minor 557' G bench cuts needed. Trail turns left and begin to enter the property. Bench cutting needed here H 737' Trail is cutting across the face of the hill slowly ascending the grade. Some bench cutting work needed PHASE 857' 1 hear as cross slope is more than 5%. Corridor clearing to beginning of next sweeping turn. Bench cutting needed on this section as well. J 881' Middle of turn, lots of storm damage to cut up and haul away 944' K End of turn by 10" American beech tree 974' L Lots of storm damage clean up on this section and bench cutting needed from the end of the turn to M 1146' the beginning of the next turn. Trail sweeping up and south to the summit. Just corridor clearing and tread definition(raking of loose forest debris to expose duff layer that can be compacted over time by use. 1275' N End of trail sweep. Trail turns sharply left and heads to the Summit 0 1392 Summit - Some trash to clean up. Postpone the selective thinning to improve the view towards the centy of Fitchburg and perform as a separate project. Could create a small trail loop on the summit P 1550' that could have 3-4 log or other benches made and installed for folks to enjoy the setting. An accessible trail to the Summit is possible utilizing and improving the old driveway cut on the west end of the property that used to service the old house on the property. Creation of a larger, flat space for 1-2 cars for handicapped access at this site is possible here without disturbing the old foundation. the trail to the summit would meet the standards for a UA trail, but it would have to be spread with PHASE II Q 3/8" minus and compacted to provide a firm travel surface. The entrance to the parking area off Westminster Hill Road would need one large hickory tree removed to allow easy entry and exit from

the parking area for vans.



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